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Special Meeting, February 23.

Present, twenty-two members.

Dr. Dunglison, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The presiding officer said:—

I have called this meeting to announce officially to the Society, the death of their distinguished President, who expired at his residence, Fern Rock, on Sunday 21st instant, in the 63d year of his age.

I have felt that the Society would desire to do honour to the memory of one, who for a third of a century had been a zealous and effective member; and who, for nearly that length of time, had filled various offices in it, until he became President.

I need not say to this body how faithfully he has always served them; nor shall I dwell, because I doubt not this will be done by others, on his exalted public and private virtues; nor attempt to show how estimable he was in all the relations of life.

To me, personally, his loss is a severe privation. I have known him for thirty years, and I do not call to mind that there has been a single ripple on the smooth surface of our intercourse during the whole of that time. I had for him, indeed, unbounded attachment.

It will be for the Society to take such action on this melancholy occasion as they may deem meet and proper.

Mr. Fraley, with some remarks upon the estimable character and amiable qualities of the deceased, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to:—

Resolved, That the Society has heard, with deep and unfeigned sorrow, of the death of its President, John K. Kane.

Resolved, That the Members will assemble at the Hall on Wednesday morning, the 24th instant, at 10 o'clock, in order to attend his funeral.

Resolved, That the President's chair be shrouded in black for the period of six months.

Resolved, That Thomas Dunlap, Esq. be requested to prepare an obituary notice of Judge Kane, to be read before the Society and perpetuated among its records.

Resolved, That a letter be addressed to the family of Judge Kane, expressive of the deep sympathy of the Society in the bereavement which they have sustained, and that it be accompanied by a copy of these resolutions.

Stated Meeting, March 5.

Present, sixty-eight members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From Madame A. A. Temminck, dated Leyden, Jan. 30, 1858, giving information of the death of her husband, C. J. Temminck, a member of this Society, aged about 80 years: and—

From Prof. Zantedeschi, dated Padua, Jan. 31, 1858, accompanying a communication "On the measure of the limits of the electrical nervous-muscular sensibility of man, considered in comparison with his mechanical force."

The following donations were announced:—

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